



Attorney Docket: 147.37315D2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: JOHN E. PILETZ

Serial No.: 09/414,643

Group Art Unit: 1646

Filed: OCTOBER 8, 1999

Examiner: E. Lazar-Wesley

Title: DNA MOLECULES ENCODING IMIDAZOLINE RECEPTIVE
POLYPEPTIDES AND POLYPEPTIDES ENCODED THEREBY

REQUEST TO WITHDRAW ERRONEOUS NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed October 6, 2003 in the above-identified patent application.

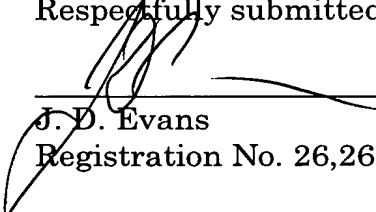
The Notice alleges that the application was abandoned because of "Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 02/10/03."

A timely reply to the Office letter was submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office on March 7, 2003, as evidenced by the attached copy of applicant's receipt card bearing the mailroom stamp of the Patent and Trademark Office.

A duplicate copy of said response is also attached. Accordingly, the application is not abandoned, and the Notice of Abandonment was issued in error and should be withdrawn.

October 15, 2003

Respectfully submitted,


J. D. Evans
Registration No. 26,269

CROWELL & MORING, LLP
P.O. Box 14300
Washington, DC 20044-4300
Telephone No.: (202) 624-2500
Facsimile No.: (202) 628-8844

Attachments: Copy of Receipt Card
Copy of Response

1646